(d) whether there is any dispute between Punjab Government and NDDB over the nomination of Milk Dairy of Punjab State Co-operative Milk products federation; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No advances from any Bank have been received by National Dairy Development Board except the line of credit from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to carry out market intervention operation in edible oil and oilseeds. The line of credit is operated through State Bank of India. Balance outstanding during the last three years in the RBI cash credit account as per the bank statement is as under:—

	(Rs. in crores)
31st March, 1990	239.61
31st March, 1991	184.91
31st March, 1992	250.27

(b) Line of credit was utilised for market intervention operation in edible oil and oilseeds. Interest was charged as per the rates fixed by RBI from time to time as under:—

Date of cash credit	Interest per annum
22-9-90	16%
13-4-91	17%
4-7-91	18.5%
1-10-91	19.25%
9-10-91	20.75%
2-3-92	19.75%

Total interest paid to the Bank during the three years was:—

Year	Rs. in crore
1989-90	27.55
1990-91	21.63
1991-92	60.81

(c) No, Sir.

(d) At the request of the Government of Punjab and Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation, NDDB deputed one of its senior officers as the Managing Director of Milk Federation in April, 1990. In accordance with the loan and grant agreement signed between the Government of Punjab and NDDB, the NDDB has to be consulted before changes are effected at the level of Managing Director of the Federation. The sudden termination of the Managing Director was in violation of the conditions of appointment of Managing Director. NDDB requested the Punjab Government to reconsider the matter and conveyed its inability to approve the appointment of the new Managing Director.

Public Investment in Agriculture

3317. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the public investment in agriculture; and

(b) whether it is a fact that subsidies in fertilizer, food, electricity and irrigation come up to Rs. 15,000 crores per year, if so, what are the details about the above subsidies and their aggregate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Public Investment in agriculture measured in the

form of gross capital formation is estimated at Rs. 3104 crores for the year 1989-90 for which the latest published figures are available.

(b) The Government of India made available a subsidy of Rs. 5185 crores through fertiliser to the agriculture sector in 1991-92. On food, the subsidy was Rs. 2850 crores in 1991-92 which was paid to the Food Corporation of India. The subsidy on electricity and irrigation for which published figures are available for the latest year 1989-90 is Rs. 646 crores and Rs. 3509 crores respectively.

Licensing of Dairy industry

3318. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Milk and Dairy products industry which was delicensed is again brought under licensed category; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The Government has, with a view to maintain and increase supply of liquid milk of desired quality in the interests of the general public, issued the Milk and Milk Products Order on 9th June, 1992 for regulating the production, supply and distribution of milk and milk product under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Import of maize through NAFED

3319. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) was it a fact that maize was imported through "NAFED" to meet the demand of poultry farmers during 1988-89, if so, what was the quantity imported and at what price and how it was distributed;

(b) whether there were any complaints in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether these complaints were examined; and

(d) if so, with what effect indicating the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) 2 lakh metric tonnes of maize received as donation from U.S.A. during the year 1988-89 was handled and distributed by NAFED.

Freight charges amounting to US $ 9.05 million were borne by the Government of India.

60 per cent of the donated maize was earmarked for poultry sector.

Maize was distributed at Rs. 1700/- per metric tonne through agencies nominated by the respective State Governments.

In addition, 0.78 lakh metric tonnes of maize valued at US $ 10.15 million was imported by NAFED on commercial basis from Argentina for supply to poultry farmers and other consumers. This quantity was sold by NAFED on commercial terms. The sale price varied from Rs. 2190 to Rs. 2700/- per metric tonne.

(b) to (d) Major complaint related to sale of maize by NAFED to Bharat Krishak Samaj (BKS) and big traders. This complaint was enquired into and the Enquiry Officer concluded that NAFED had taken adequate precautions to lay the responsibility on B.K.S. to allot imported maize only to its farmer members. Further, there appeared to be no malafide or culpable negligence on the part of NAFED in affecting the sale of commercial maize to B.K.S.

The other complaint regarding delivery of maize to the farmers and regarding dis-proportionate release of quota pertained to the perform-